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SUBJECT: PRAVDA ATTACKS JCP ON NORTHERN TERRITORIES

REF: TOKYO 18798 (DEC 76)

SUMMARY. PRAVDA HAS CONDEMNED OPEN LETTER FROM JAPAN
COMMUNIST PARTY (JCP) ON NORTHERN TERRITORIES ISSUE.
JCP'S DECISION TO CONFRONT MOSCOW ON THAT ISSUE
REFLECTED ITS NEED TO BE AS PATRIOTIC-SEEMING AS ALL
OTHER PARTIES ON EVE OF UPPER HOUSE ELECTION CAMPAIGN, BUT
RUDE EXCHANGES PROBABLY MEAN END, AT LEAST TEMPORARILY,
OF MOVES TOWARD CPSU-JCP RECONCILIATION. END SUMMARY.

1. PRESS DISPATCH FROM MOSCOW, HEADLINED IN MOST
TOKYO NEWSPAPERS JUNE 13, REPORTED PRAVDA AS
DENOUNCING POSITION ON NORTHERN TERRITORIES ISSUE
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EXPRESSED BY JCP IN OPEN LETTER TO CPSU. JCP'S LENGTHY
CONDEMNATION OF SOVIET POSITION THAT NORTHERN TERRITORIES
ISSUE WAS SETTLED AND HAD NO PART IN JAPAN-SOVIET
FISHERIES NEGOTIATIONS WAS PUBLISHED IN JCP'S DAILY.
AKAHATA, ON MAY 27. IT SAID JAPANESE CLAIM ON FOUR SMALL
ISLANDS NEAR HOKKAIDO WAS JUST AND DEMANDED THEIR RETURN,
STARTING WITH TWO SMALLEST. DISPATCH QUOTED PRAVDA AS

REPLYING THAT, "BY USING INCORRECT AND BIASED ARGUMENTATION, LEADERSHIP OF JCP IS ACTUALLY TRYING TO REVISE RESULTS OF SECOND WORLD WAR." ON JUNE 13 JCP PRESIDUM VICE CHAIRMAN UEDA, IN TURN, REFUTED PRAVDA ARTICLE SAYING IT WAS NOTHING MORE THAN REPETITION OF OLD SOVIET STAND ON NORTHERN TERRITORIES ISSUE.

2. COMMENT. JCP HAD FOUND ITSELF WITH NO CHOICE BUT TO JOIN OTHER PARTIES ON NATIONALISTIC BANDWAGON ONCE JAPAN-SOVIET FISH-ERIES DISPUTE BECAME INTERTWINED WITH LONG-SIMMERING NORTHERN TERRITORIES ISSUE. ATTACKED BY OTHER PARTIES AS MOSCOW AGENT, JCP WAS AT PAINS TO MAKE IT CLEAR TO PUBLIC, ESPECIALLY BEFORE JULY 10 UPPER HOUSE ELECTION, THAT A ALTHOUGH COMMUNIST, IT WAS SECOND TO NONE IN DEFENDING JAPANESE INTERESTS.

3. JCP AND CPSU HAVE BEEN AT ODDS FOR YEARS, BUT MOVES HAD BEEN AFOOT SINCE 1975 TO PATCH UP RELATIONS, IT EVEN APPEARED THAT MOSCOW, AS STEP TOWARD RECONCILIATION, MIGHT AGREE TO WITHDRAW ITS SUPPORT FROM "VOICE OF JAPAN", GROUP LED BY JCP RENEGADE SHIGA, EXPLICITLY PRO-MOSCOW THORN IN JCP'S SIDE. ALTHOUGH JCP CHAIRMAN (AND UPPER HOUSE CANDIDATE) MIYAMOTO HAS RECENTLY REPEATED PARTY'S WILLINGNESS TO BE FRIENDS WITH ANY AND ALL COMMUNIST PARTIES, IT SEEMS CLEAR THAT EXCHANGE OF SALVOS OVER NORTHERN TERRITORIES ISSUE HAS BROUGHT MOVES TOWARD RECONCILIATION WITH CPSU TO FULL STOP, AT LEAST FOR NEAR TERM.

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